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## HOMEcoming 2012



Top: The Class of  
1961 celebrates its  
50th.

Opposite: Geoff Lind  
'71 leads his class in  
the singing of the  
school song.

Below: John King,  
Henry Ritson, Kelly  
Neill, Chantal  
O'Brien and Jamie  
O'Brien from the  
class of 1981



Opposite: Claudia Philipsz-  
Jones '96 with husband  
Martin and daughter Seren,  
Danielle Clark '96 with hus-  
band Kevin Foster and son  
Coen with Bryan Rose '96.



Despite the torrential rain  
and windy conditions, two 8s  
braved the Henley.





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*Traditions  
of Ridley*



2011-2012 Prefects



Winners of the 2012  
Valentine's Debate,  
Dane Sisinni '15 and  
Kailene Jackson '15





## TRADITION AND PROGRESSION

**“Value the past, inform the present and inspire the future”** was the mantra of the Strategic Plan of 2005/2006. This became the reference point for the evolution of transition of the school over the next six years. Inevitably some aspects were strongly adopted whilst others fell away. Progression in any school is essential because standing still is not an option. However, certain traditions were reconfirmed. Others were adapted, sometimes to fit the spirit of the age but, invariably, because the next generation of Ridleians put their own stamp on them. Finally there are those traditions which seem to have no rhyme or reason precisely because they belonged to Ridley and remain the preserve of Ridley alone. That is the calling card of all great distinctive originality, the glue which can bind generations of school together in an indissoluble bond.

Peter Gzowski's compendium of Ridley College memories celebrating the first century bore the title **“A Sense of Tradition”**. It highlighted a lot of sport and all round extra-curricular excellence, of which drama and music were central pillars. Cadets, Chapel and the boarding tradition also got plenty of space whilst academic life scored a single paragraph and a further nine pages of pictures loosely associated with it. In nearly 25 years since then the school has evolved pretty dramatically. Despite this, the best and most fundamental of traditions still underpin it.

Clearly, the most profound progression lies in the Board's endorsement of the decision to introduce the International Baccalaureate. For the past generation, Ridley's United Nations of true internationalism has increased dramatically. It acknowledged the global reality of Canada's status as a secure country in an uncertain world. However, the cost of maintaining a balanced programme of true extra-curricular opportunity strengthens the nature of the IB offering and today's Ridley fits it very strongly. Insistence on community action and service goes to the core of Ridley commitment. It sets the Canadian environment firmly within the spectre of international mindedness. It will enable Ridleians to fulfill the global reach of being a world prep school.

Within a boarding environment which is a way of life, however, many traditions have assumed extra emphasis. Fundamentally, Ridley retains its individual stamp through the Chapel, Cadets, the Prefect system and some particular whole school features such as Ski Day and the Snake Dance. New to the scene is the residential value of the start of the year camp, now six years old and strengthening. More profoundly, maintenance of a Saturday programme has preserved the shape of the week where Wednesday remains a lighter day and Saturday represents the full scale extra space in which the boarding weekend can play out. Such things make Ridley different.

At the heart of Ridley is the Memorial Chapel. Built in 1921 to commemorate the quite staggering loss of 61 Ridleians in World War I, it is the central heartbeat of Ridley's spirit, encapsulated in **“Terar Dum**





Prosim". Anglican by tradition and ecumenically inclusive, successive Chaplains have become immersed in the myriad of complexities of binding together belief and unbelief. It is a source of great wonder that 16 faiths, as well as many others asking fundamentally basic questions, sit side by side, united in their Ridley diversity – one community, one family within the global future. In a world beset with problems, if there can be such centrality then we have to be optimistic that the next generation can make a better fist of sorting out the world's issues. They require a collective Ridley conscience, a shadow of vital values which emanate from this shared experience. Many other schools regret having shed this statement of core belief too casually and can only reflect on how hard it is to get back such semblance of optimism rooted in belief.

2012 marks the 105th Cadet Parade. Once again it is easy for detractors to knock this tradition. It was indeed a privilege to speak at the Cadet Mess Dinner (see page 10) to mark my eight year perspective on why this tradition, so curious to those outside Ridley, matters. Yet another vital whole school tradition, the Cadets are a discipline, a training ground for leadership and etiquette, focus for a great marching band and a time to decompress without the constant intrusions of the noisy computer generated modern world. Through being part of such a heritage, generations of Ridleians are conjoined in a mutual experience that is forever Ridley.

Then there is one more quirky and unusual hardy annual. The Snake Dance is a visceral almost pagan sensation, yet indelible in sanguinity – an early year unification of all Ridleians present, etched in the orange and black can of paint and flame; part tribal, part family, a vital statement in joining Ridley.

So, each term there are signpost reminders of what it means to be 'Ridleian'. These are indications of the bond of fellowship. They are also redolent of the symbol of sacrifice, be it the memory of Bishop Ridley or the blood spilt for that vital cause of liberty in the two cataclysmic world wars during Ridley's near 125-year history. The inner meaning cannot be lost, nor should the common purpose of close faculty/student understanding as witnessed at the annual Ski Day or Camp.

Ridley is united in a unique enterprise. There is nothing quite like this place. The School motto, surely the best short phrase conceived in 100 years of history, is unapologetically demanding. We are here to serve each other and our fellow men. Ridley is a way of life, more than a school but a living organism of progression forged on the anvil of the best of tradition and destined to keep reinventing itself. "Terar Dum Prosim".

**Jonathan Leigh, Headmaster**



**THIS JUST IN**  
Jonathan Leigh will become the 18th Master of Marlborough College. Marlborough College is a fully co-educational school of 880 pupils (835 boarders) in the 13 to 18 age-range. It was founded in 1843 and is located in Wiltshire, 60 miles west of London.



Far Left:  
Onondaga Boys  
Camp, September  
2011

Snake Dance,  
September 2011

Ski Day,  
January 2012



## RIDLEY ANNOUNCES 10TH HEADMASTER

The Ridley Board of Governors has announced the appointment of J. Edward Kidd as the new Headmaster, effective July 16, 2012.

Ed is currently the Principal of the High School at Shanghai American School in Shanghai, China. Shanghai American School has a current enrolment of over 3,200 primarily expatriate students from over 40 countries and is China's largest and most established international school. The High School has 690 students, over 80 members of faculty, and a support staff which Ed leads, manages and inspires!



Born in the Ottawa Valley, Ed went on to Queen's University where he completed both his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education. During his time at Queen's he was a captain of the varsity football team and a member of their 1992 Vanier Cup-winning team. Ed also obtained his Masters of Science from the University of Buffalo (State University of New York).

Ed brings first hand teaching and leadership experience with both the International Baccalaureate (IB) and the Advanced Placement (AP) programmes. He was a member of the team who, eleven years ago, planned and introduced the IB philosophy and IB Diploma Programme to Shanghai



American School. Ed's leadership training includes principal's qualifications from Queen's, Miami and Harvard. As a school leader Ed has been intimately involved in dreaming, collaborating, building and managing change, furthering Shanghai American School's vision to be "one of the leading international schools in Asia and the world."

Ed and his wife Hanna have three children: Jaden (10), Mia (8) and Ashton (3). Hanna is also Canadian and is currently a counsellor in the Middle School of Shanghai American School. The Kidds relish the opportunity to return to Canada and are very much looking forward to joining the Ridley community when they take up residence in Kenyon-Lett house later this summer.

A FOND  
FAREWELL TO

*Jonathan and Emma Leigh*

Please join us to honour the Leighs in recognition of their service to Ridley College and the Ridley Family at the

### 114th TORONTO BRANCH RECEPTION

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 • 6:30pm - 8:30pm

National Club - 303 Bay St., Toronto

Buffet Dinner/Host bar • \$75\* per person

Please register from our website under "Events", call the Advancement Office 905-684-1889 x2250 or send a cheque payable to Ridley College. \*Special rate for recent grads 2002 - 2011







### ECO-ACTION AWARD

The St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce held its Business Achievement Awards in November and Ridley was awarded the Horizon Utilities Eco-Action Award. The award recognizes a member company that promotes environmental stewardship and leadership.

*Pictured from left: Julia Bertollo-Manager Physical Plant, Brian Smith - Horizon Utilities and Headmaster Jonathan Leigh.*

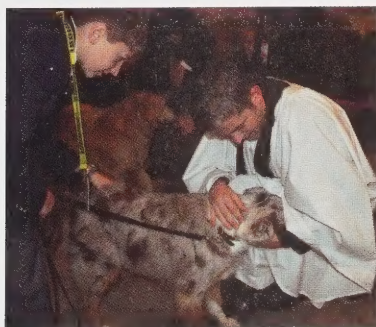
### HEADMASTER HONoured BY THE ASSOCIATION OF BOARDING SCHOOLS

Jonathan Leigh was honoured by The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) in recognition of his two decades of service to independent schools in the UK and Canada.

At a December 2, 2011 reception and dinner, attended by over 100 boarding school heads, and hosted at Boston's historic Harvard Club, Leigh was awarded the prestigious "TABS20" award, a tribute to his life's work in educating and mentoring young people.

### NEW RCA PRESIDENT

The Ridley College Association is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mercedes Dziver '03** as the new Association President. Mercedes will take over from Stephanie L. Perry '93 who has served Ridley in the role since 2007. Mercedes lives and works in Toronto and has been an active volunteer and member of the Executive Committee since 2007.



### ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

St. Francis of Assisi, founder of the Franciscan Order, is heralded as the patron saint of animals and ecology. In his honour, Ridley College continued the centuries-old Anglican tradition of blessing pets and animals in his name. Students, faculty and staff with their animal friends celebrated St. Francis Day in Chapel on September 30th by having their pets and animals blessed.



To view **school photos** from the past months, go to: [www.ridleycommunications.com](http://www.ridleycommunications.com)  
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## HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE

Last summer the Casavant organ in the Memorial Chapel underwent a thorough cleaning and re-tuning just in time for a September concert featuring Jeremy Filsell - virtuoso concert performer on both the piano and the organ. Filsell has performed as a solo pianist in Russia, the USA, across the UK. The public concert also included our own Headmaster, Jonathan Leigh, singing 'Where'er you Walk' by G F Handel and Sergei Rachmaninov's 'Oh stay, my love, forsake me not' Op. 4 no.1.

Jeremy Filsell on the Casavant Organ.

## MGI SPEAKERS' SERIES

Ridley was excited to invite two of our alumni from the Class of 1994 back on campus to address the Ridley family during the MGI - Gordon Distinguished Speakers' Series. In October, our first speaker, Alison Loat, spoke about Canadian democracy and the apathy many people have today towards voting and the political process. Alison is the co-founder and executive director of Samara - a charitable organization whose programs work to strengthen Canadian democracy. She is also a fellow and instructor at the School of Public Policy and Governance at the University of Toronto.

Most recently, Aaron Brindle, Manager, Global Communications and Public Affairs - Google, Inc. and former journalist, writer, documentary producer and assignment editor for CBC and CTV addressed the audience with his topic: I BOUGHT A HIPPO: Telling stories in the digital age.



Thank you for your support

THE  
**monarch**  
OCTOBER 22, 2011 gala

The Monarch Gala, held on October 22, 2011 in the Fieldhouse, was a wonderful evening supported by alumni, parents and friends of Ridley. This successful event netted over \$350,000 with proceeds benefiting students and the school. A special thanks to all those involved for making this such a remarkable event.





## KAY BOA MCKEEN'S LEGACY LIVES ON

The late Kay Boa McKeen established a notable place within the history of Ridley College through undertaking the daunting task of serving as the very first full-time female faculty member and establishing a Visual Arts Department in the school. Kay began her appointment in 1961 and courageously cleared a space for the visual arts within the Ridley curriculum over the following 15 years. While a teacher and into her retirement, Kay also maintained an active studio practice as an artist and exhibited her work in Canada and the United States. Ridley is fortunate to be the beneficiary of not only Kay's boundless energies as a teacher, but also her family has donated one of her oil paintings entitled "San Miguel, Mexico" to the school. This sun-filled landscape will become a permanent part of the Ridley College art collection and will go on display in the Matthews Library.

In addition, the funds have been donated in her name for the purchase of books on art to add to the library collection. The choice of titles was influenced by four criteria: 1) the expansion of titles on non-Western art and culture traditions; 2) the improvement of the quality of books available for research on the Western art tradition; 3) the expansion of titles on the philosophy of aesthetics and meaning within the visual arts; and 4) the expansion of monographs on contemporary artists. This infusion of materials for research on the visual arts comes at an opportune time with the advent of IB. Students who take IB study will be required to undertake research that incorporates an international breadth and philosophical inquiry. In the visual arts, this will involve the need to access titles pertaining to non-Western arts traditions and the field of aesthetics.



It is fitting that a person who blazed new trails for the role of women in the college has contributed posthumously to a recent substantial innovation: the introduction of the IB Diploma Programme. It is with gratitude and admiration that I acknowledge, as Ridley's current Head of Visual and Performing Arts, the lasting contribution of Kay Boa McKeen and her family.

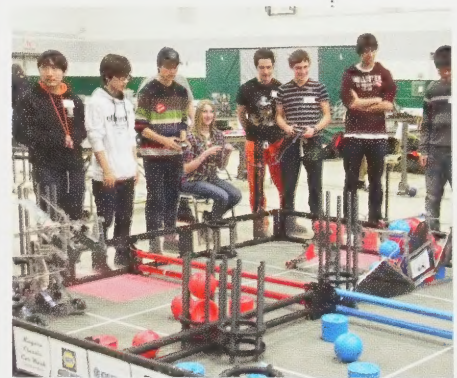
**Duane A. Nickerson**  
Head of Visual and Performing Arts

## RIDLEY ROBOTICS QUALIFIES FOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN APRIL

Ridley VEX Robotics Team 1509 finished second overall in a local tournament in November, placing second in both the driver skills one-minute challenge and in programming. The team of John Hejzlar '13, Jon Pile '13 and Igal Flegmann '13 won the overall top award at that tournament - the Excellence Award, which qualified Team 1509 for the World Championships in Anaheim California.

### Anaheim World's Update

As of the end of February, worldwide VEX qualifying action has concluded. Out of 4000+ teams worldwide, Ridley has placed three teams in the top 30 in the Driver Skills qualifying challenge. Coupled with good autonomous results, and an earlier Excellence Award, Team Ridley has been officially ranked 16th in the world going to Anaheim in April.





## HEADMASTER'S SPEECH - Cadet Mess Dinner 2012

It is a great delight to have the opportunity to speak at this my final Cadet Mess Dinner and thanks to all who have arranged it, most especially Chartwells – another great prime rib. Thank you. As we approach the 105th Cadet Parade this coming May so the organization of this 105 year-old tradition is as important and alive as ever. The world continues to change at an alarming pace but some old traditions are worth continued emphasis and this is one of them. Five years ago, we reached the centenary. It was a source of some ironic amusement to me to be informed by a number of people (very often those who had an anti-Cadet agenda) that, being a progressive sort of chap, I was definitely going to be closing down the Cadets after the 100th parade. Five proud years late, here we are.

When the Ridley College No. 162 Royal Canadian (Army) Cadet Corps was set up it was a mirror of the imperial age but something in which this school believed fervently in its own right. In 1908 R.B. Haldane, the Minister of War (which would now be called Minister of Defense) in Lord Asquith's English government, passed an Act of Parliament which allowed the set up of officer training corps in private schools. Ridley, having set their Cadet scene going a little bit in advance of this, were absolutely in line with a practice which grew out of the very best of Imperial Victorian British private schooling.

Having lost 61 pupils tragically in the First World War, the flower of Ridley's early youth was sacrificed at the defining moments of the Canadian nation in places like Vimy Ridge. When one thinks about the size of the school at this time the devastation was immense. Back in Britain, Eton, a school of approximately 1,000 suffered 1,150 casualties in the same war. Marlborough, founded just 50 years before Ridley and a school very like us in many ways had 450 casualties. They also, this very year, are celebrating a remarkable milestone, 95 years since 44 members of their school died behind the lines of trenches near Ypres. Several of them failed to make it through the final year of that war. My previous school, Blundell's, lost 81 in that war (almost the same number that Ridley had killed in the Second World War). All four of these great schools have their own memorial dedications in their Chapels "Lest We Forget" and, ladies and gentleman, surely we cannot forget as we continue to sacrifice the flower of our youth in places like Iraq or Afghanistan and as we become



**2012 Cadet Mess Dinner**, from left: Mrs. Bobbie Filion, Capt. Paul Filion '86, Charlotte Smith '12, Jonathan Leigh, guest speaker Dave Walker '83, Mrs. Emma Leigh, Shannon McNally '12, George Hendrie '74 - Chairman of the Board. Front: Norman Chung '12 and Tomas Donatelli-Pitfield '12





Cadet Inspection 2011 with piper Colin MacKay '11, Jonathan Leigh with Inspecting Officer Brigadier-General (retired) Terry Leversedge, Chairman of the Board George Hendrie '74, Chaplain The Rev. Jason van Veghel-Wood and the Mayor of St. Catharines, Brian McMullan.

used to the increasing menace of terrorism as an acknowledged fact all round the world. All these private schools who go back to that age have memorials befitting what it meant to be engaged in the acts of valour needed to defend the key tenets of civilization which you learn in places like this.

As the Cadet tradition of Ridley gained strength so the Second World War saw an increased number of deaths (80). The key points of involvement were at Dieppe (1942) and in the Normandy landings (June '44), most especially at Juno Beach, as Canada added further notable weight to their courageous contribution as a country.

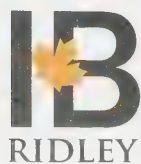
After the Second World War, officer training corps were redefined as combined Cadet forces. What this meant was that more schools became involved with a more egalitarian even approach to commitment. The new charter proclaimed that "the broad function of the combined Cadet forces provide disciplined organization within a school so that pupils may develop powers of leadership by means of training to promote the qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance and a sense of service in the community". It was entirely believed that "the self-discipline required in service life is equally important in the civil life of the nation today". The objective was to produce good citizens. Arguably, that has not changed. You will also notice the insistence on the word "service".

Nearly 65 years since then, Ridley has stuck to its tradition whilst many other schools fell away from it. I suggest that they have lost a little bit of their DNA. Combined with a sense of community spirit and service there remains a strong belief that there is a coherent resonance which is enhanced by this tradition. Canadians continue to contribute and in the last 15 years have played a notable role in Bosnia, Kosovo and, especially, Afghanistan. There remains a pride in the fact that the concept of "fighting for peace" is as relevant in the defense of civilization as at any time since Ridley's foundation.

The publication in 2007 of Paul Lewis' history of the Cadets celebrated something of which we are supremely proud. It set the history of the Cadets within the context of the development of the school. Also it showed that the core values we have are in a constant state of evolution, at the same time as owing much to the continuity which comes from the experience of literally being consumed in this tradition. You, the officers, are part of that continuity. It demands imposing discipline, something which we all kick against from time to time. The growth of your commitment year on year simply adds new layers to the experience. Rome was never built in a day; nor is a good Cadet tradition. Under Captain Filion's command it has developed and is alive and well. Under your watchful eye it can take its next steps forward. So, good luck in these next few months. Enjoy the experience of carefully exercised command. It is a key responsibility. Let's make the 105th parade a really memorable one on May the 5th.

*Jonathan Leigh, Headmaster*





## DOES IB SUPPORT RIDLEY'S CULTURE?

The implementation of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme within Ridley College has been a subject of much vigorous, healthy discussion among members of the Ridley community. Ridleians are, by and large, passionate about the school, and they care about what happens within its walls and on its fields. Those members of the community who are most affected by this new development are the teachers and 45 students who are preparing to undertake the programme, and it is to these constituents of the Ridley community that the school's administration listens with keen interest. It has been noted, also, that as the wider Ridley community becomes more aware of the nature of the programme, the input from various corners of this vast community becomes increasingly insightful and supportive.

The IB Programme is all-encompassing for those who undertake it; it is not an add-on. It is this characteristic of the programme that continues to generate apprehension among some members of the Ridley community. If the IB Diploma is an immersive educational experience, will it drown out the unique experience that is the pride of the school and that forms its culture? Will IB students miss out on what it means to be a Ridleian? This is a key question, and it deserves to be addressed.

The most obvious approach to take in addressing such a key question is to attempt to define key facets of the Ridley culture and then compare them with the structure of the IB Programme.

### 1 TERAR DUM PROSIM

The school's motto underscores a key principle that is inculcated in all Ridleians. Service manifests itself in many ways on campus, the most obvious of which is the voluntary community service activity undertaken by students. The IB Diploma Programme asks that students do more voluntary community service than is currently expected within the Ontario Secondary School Diploma programme. The Community, Action and Service (CAS) component of the core of the Diploma Programme requires that all Diploma candidates complete 50 hours of community service in two years. Built into the ethos of IB is experiential learning, and voluntary service in a community brings with it an enormous opportunity for new experiences. The IB Programme also requires that students maintain a journal of their learning progress as they move through their service experiences. Many IB schools embed in their programmes an international service experience in a developing nation to further extend the learning impact of the service component of the programme, and to enhance global awareness among students and staff.

### 2 WELL-ROUNDED STUDENTS

This is a phrase that comes up often when discussions venture into the realm of defining a culture that is distinctive to Ridley. The meaning of the phrase varies somewhat among individuals, but basically engenders a sense that Ridley students engage in a range of co-curricular learning and character-development activities that extend beyond the classroom. Ridley students are pushed out of their comfort zones and expected to engage in different things including athletics, the arts, debating, cooking over a fire in Algonquin Park and a host of other activities that challenge and extend students. A constant challenge for the school is to maintain this range of activity while still ensuring students are able to meet their academic obligations, and this challenge will continue with the onset of IB. The IB Programme does offer the advantage of having specific guidelines and learning expectations for the CAS co-curricular component of the programme that include a breadth of activity involvement. CAS also encourages student ownership of their co-curricular learning through the use of journals and a culminating project that must involve two of the three CAS components.

### 3 UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY ACADEMICS

Ridley's OSSD academic programme allows most students to access university programmes of their choice. The IB Diploma is widely recognized as the world's leading university preparatory programme and the most competitive universities in North America and Europe use the IB Diploma credential when determining candidate placement. As the world continues to shrink and families



move between countries with more fluidity, the advantage of an internationally recognized secondary school accreditation is obvious. The fact that IB is considered the university prep gold standard throughout the world only enhances its potential positive impact on Ridley students and teachers. As Ridley students go off to the more competitive environment of university, they will encounter peers who have developed academic standards of performance that match IB standards. Our IB students will be ready for the challenge.

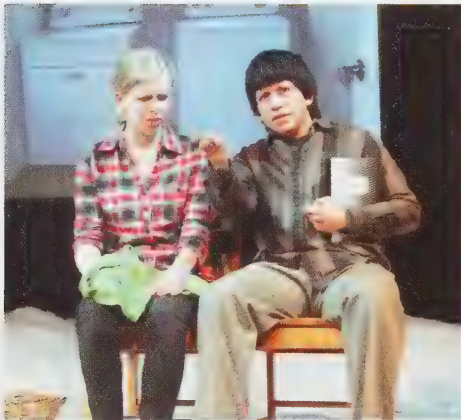
If it can be determined that the IB Programme reinforces the fundamental facets of the school's culture then perhaps we can explore how IB can further enrich the Ridley experience. Community involvement is a vital part of any culture, and through exploring together how we can engage with and extend the challenges IB presents, we, as a community, further enrich our shared culture and build upon the legacy we have inherited.

Duane A, Nickerson, *IB Diploma Programme Coordinator Designate*



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## FROM THE STAGE Photos from our theatrical productions of 2011-2012



From top, clockwise:  
*Little Shop of Horrors*  
February/March  
2012

Lower School  
Christmas Play  
December 2011

*30 Reasons Not To  
Be in a Play*  
January 2012

*Almost, Maine*  
November 2011



## ACTA Ridleiana - The Sprouting and Flowering of a Tradition

In February of 1891, Volume 1, Issue 1 of ACTA Ridleiana appeared. The school was less than two years old, and in the view of five students, it needed a unifying thread. Working in secret, they designed and implemented the first and only journal of the events, customs and way of life of the people of Ridley. Dubbed a “paper”, it had three issues a year, produced by the boys, but it was not a forum for discussion or dissent. It was carefully monitored by a master who was variously the editor-in-chief or editor-advisor. The funding included advertising and a subscription fee to be paid by all boys, a custom that continues today with every Ridley student receiving a copy of ACTA. The cover was paper, plain orange with black type-dignified and serious, and a reflection of the intentions of its founders. Between the covers, were articles and reports by students, masters and old boys, along with creative writing and original sketches.



Art from an early ACTA

Over the next half century, ACTA's focus shifted. In 1922, coverage expanded to include a section for the Lower School. In the 1950s, the *Ridley Tiger* became the link to alumni and ACTA gradually became a true yearbook, its task to encapsulate one year in the life of Ridley. By the 1970s, it was a hard back book, still with a dignified cover, but incorporating more photographs, a more sophisticated book for a mature school.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the pictorial aspect of ACTA almost superseded the written component, and the book swelled to over three hundred pages. Nevertheless, the original mission continued: to document not only the scholastic, athletic and artistic achievements of Ridleians, but also the extra-curricular moments that made life at Ridley memorable. In its centenary edition, the ACTA editor noted his predecessors' concern with change, and urged Ridleians to embrace it, to make good use of their short time at the school and, above all, to “continue the heritage”.

Although subsequent trimming and re-focussing may have reduced the number of “candid” prized highly by students, as ACTA moved towards the second millennium, the ACTA editorial staff continued to concentrate on making its coverage inclusive; everyone was represented, from the youngest Lower School student to the oldest member of the Upper School, and their accomplishments recorded.

The technology of publishing has altered, and so has the range of skills required by yearbook staffers. Computers enable all students to be copy-writers, and layout artists, and to work from their own rooms, or even from home on holidays. Along with a generous supply of digital pictures, the reports that comprise ACTA's written components now fly around the campus electronically, and into the inbox of the editors. Students still write most of the reports, especially the traditional “grad notes” extricated from busy Grade 12s by persistent editors. The process remains an opportunity for students to exercise their leadership, their initiative, and their creativity. The book has settled at around 250 colourful pages, but the scope of its coverage has ballooned with the addition of the primary grades in the Lower School, and a multiplicity of activities at all levels.



The iconic 1994 edition of ACTA was dedicated to customs both old and new; the editors borrowed two dictionary definitions to use on the end papers of the book and added a third that listed many of the great Ridley traditions such as Cadets, the Cross Country Run, the *Tiger*, and Snake Dance. They concluded with the word ACTA and called for “a new tradition, a new spirit for a new generation”, and that sounds rather like the declaration of the first students who, 120 years ago, launched this voice of Ridley to reflect and record the founding and the evolution of Ridley's identity.

Virginia R. Vickers, ACTA Advisor 1990-2000

Far right - the most recent ACTA cover



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Emollit mores, nec sinit esse ferros.* OVID.

Addison once said: "I consider a human soul without education like marble in the quarry, which shows none of its inherent beauties, till the skill of the polisher fetches out the colors, and discovers every ornamental cloud, spot and vein, that runs through the body of it. Education, after the same manner, when it works upon a noble mind, draws out to view, every latent virtue and perfection, which, without such helps are never able to make their appearance. Those wise and beautiful words should find a ready acceptance in the heart of every College boy. They should teach him to dignify labour, and to treat with respect every sort of work, even though it be "a weariness to the flesh." For must we not remember the words of the old poet, quoted above, of which words for the benefit of our mothers and sisters, who do not learn Latin, we give the following translation:

"Ingenuous arts, where they an entrance find,  
Soften, the manners, and improve the mind."

By no means least among the factors that make for the "ingenuous arts," in a community like ours, is the College paper. Perhaps no

But the College paper has other values and uses. It is a record of the life of the community. It is the chronicle of events that one would not willingly forget. It forms a bond of union among its readers; it cements friendships, sometimes life-long friendships, among those who are associated in its conduct. It is an additional tie between College and home, deepening the interest in College life among our relations and friends, and bringing us with our labours, and our enjoyments, to a nearer view of those from whom we are separated, during so large a portion of our College life.

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Author  
Chris Aylott '60  
with his wife, Mary,  
introducing the  
Hanks at Ridley in  
November



## LIFE'S JOURNEYS WITH HANK

Hank Tiger is all around us, as Ridleians past and present know so well. Today, Hugh Russel's massive bronze tiger, prowling the approaches to School House, is a very visible reminder of Ridley spirit.

It was offered much more portably back in the 1950s with Hank perched on a personalized black and orange cushion. More recently - for one former Ridley year-rounder - Hank's presence came full circle.

Seemingly a lifetime ago, being around Ridley was absorbing, with home and school for a time being one and the same place. And Ridley's long-established tradition of sporting ventures played a major personal role in it. For his part then, Hank was ever present, patrolling football field sidelines and inside the old, cold, wooden hockey rink's uniquely-confined quarters.

**"Never allow Hank out  
of your sight," were  
the instructions.**

In those days, Hank's plush incarnation was well-travelled. Imprinted in mind was Christmas 1959 when responsibility for Hank's safety on the road was added on to First Hockey student manager duties. It was a first plane ride, Buffalo to Newark. "Never allow Hank out of your sight," were the instructions.

A main moment of that unbeaten season was taking the Lawrenceville prep school tournament title from a trio of strong American sides, claimed decisively on the home ice surface of the Princeton University Tigers, where orange and black drew much local favour.

Where might the spirit of Hank have been in the midst of all this? Front and centre, enjoying the flight home, trophy in paw and under the minder's watchful eye. Hank was given his own seat, admired by cabin crew, team achievement lauded via passenger announcement. Several years prior to that, Hank's travels ended differently and wretchedly. What transpired only strengthened Ridley resolve, building on the school's legendary resilient spirit as personified in Hank.

In the course of navigating the muddy turf of Toronto's old CNE Stadium during a neutral-grounds football encounter, backers of Ridley rivals to the east had over-

Gary German '58, Football Captain and Quarterback with Hank





stepped the mark doing time-honoured mascot theft. Some weeks later, a reborn Hank returned to St. Catharines. Antecedent remains were sewn inside, compliments of Ridley's matron and sewing room wonder workers. The incision and stitching are visible to this day, resting in the Ridley Archives. The spirit of Hank lives on! Fast-forward 54 years. That segment of legendary Hank lore is regaled amidst a handful of Toronto-based independent school alumni of all stripes. Surprisingly, or maybe not, one guest of that generation recalled the events of the day with remarkable clarity.

Hank's student minder from that 1959 hockey trek, now long gone from Ridley haunts, remarried in 2011 and was the object of another pleasant surprise. A letter inviting Hank Tiger's presence for a wedding reception had found its way to the offices of Ridley's Advancement Department. Days later, Director Bryan Rose '96 came by a Toronto home carrying a spruced-up Hank (again thanks to the sewing room ladies) on his cushion to give RSVP acceptance in person. Time stood still for one Ridleian. There was Hank, seated at his old friend's wedding reception, complete with personalized place name. Public homage was paid by those of other colours. One, the bemused erstwhile UCC cricket mentor Terence Bredin, made the gesture of shaking Hank's paw. Much joy expressed that day. The spirit of Hank lives on!

New bride had one more "bright idea" surprise for her Old Ridleian. Distance and scheduling had long gotten in the way of his being present for reunions, including the milestone 50th. All would be put right by returning Hank to St. Catharines in person. It turned out to be one more road trip for Hank and friend, this time by train to Great Western Street, then on foot across the old station parking lot "parade ground", past where the old home once stood on Ridley Road, up the once-often-trod back road; to be shown among other places his father's old office in the School House bowels, the Iggulden Gym squash courts and relocated Cricket Shed. Meaningfully, the return was coincident with Remembrance Day. There was time for contemplation in the Memorial Chapel of all those years flown by.

Chris Aylott '60

A well used Hank sporting a cast on his leg from the 1960s



### SCHOOL MOTTO

Terar Dum Prosim  
May I be consumed in service.

### SCHOOL GRACE

Pro cibus quos accepturi summus Deus nos  
gratos faciat per Jesum Christum Dominum  
Nostrum. Amen

For what we are about to receive, may the Lord make us truly thankful, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

### SCHOOL PRAYER

Almighty God, by whose grace we are assembled here today; who has brought us together as members of a family; we ask that you bless all present members of this school, and those who have gone out into the wider world. Grant us good judgement in all things, that we may think with compassion, and aim for worthy goals. Teach us to discern the right course, and give us courage to pursue it, unswayed by worldly pressures or temptations. Increase in us moral fidelity, and may your spirit be our constant compass. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### SCHOOL SONG

Come, fill your glasses up  
To Ridley, to Ridley, to Ridley!  
Come, fill a loving cup  
To Ridley, to Ridley, to Ridley!  
Here's to the place we love;  
May we ever loyal prove;  
Come, fill your glasses up  
To Ridley, to Ridley, to Ridley!

Sing all, with might and main  
Of Ridley, of Ridley, of Ridley!  
Three times three, and once again  
Of Ridley, of Ridley, of Ridley!  
Here's to battles fought and won;  
Here's to heroes who have gone;  
Here's to every worthy one,  
Of Ridley, of Ridley, of Ridley!

Young men and women all  
From Ridley, from Ridley, from Ridley!  
Mem'ries we'll e'er recall  
From Ridley, from Ridley, from Ridley!  
May we of our lives be proud;  
May we face the world unbowed;  
Young men and women all  
From Ridley, from Ridley, from Ridley!



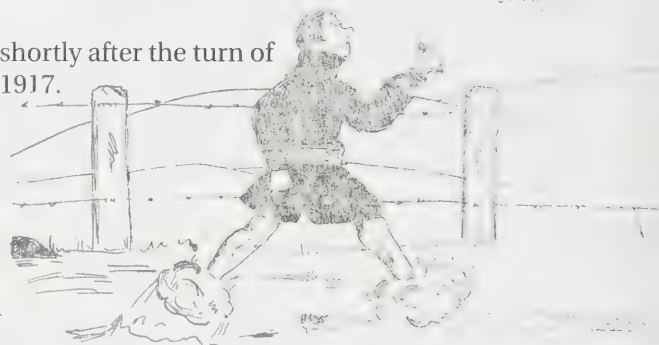
## THE CROSS COUNTRY RUN

One of the longest standing traditions at Ridley has been the Cross Country Run. The first-ever run took place in November of 1891. The 4 ½ mile course saw nine seniors and ten juniors competing. C. S. Lee was the senior winner and R. B. MacKedie was the junior winner. The Masters donated a cup for the senior winner and President Merritt did the same for the junior winner. Who would have thought that over 120 years later, 500 plus students would compete annually in this great tradition?

The race has evolved over the years. In 1894, a new 5 mile course was developed around the perimeter of the school. The boys had to be careful of chained bulldogs in backyards and angry farmers with shotguns. After this race, the tradition of the Cross Country Supper was born. A staple for many years was a menu based on oysters.

Meanwhile, the Lower School started its own run shortly after the turn of the century with its first Cross Country Dinner in 1917. The race was shorter than the Upper School's, with a piece of cake given to each finisher.

By this point the run was a permanent fixture on the School's annual calendar – with one notable exception. In 1918 the spread of the worldwide influenza reached Ridley and caused the race and the dinner to be canceled. And each year you just never know what Mother Nature has in store as students have had to battle all of the elements. In 1933, the Upper School run was almost canceled due to a snowstorm.



Student art from the 1909 ACTA depicting a muddy student running through a plowed field.

Location and distances were adjusted over the years. As the city of St. Catharines was growing, the course had to be modified. The new Burgoyne Woods proved to be a great venue – especially for breaking records. However in the early 1980s, for safety reasons, the run was confined to the Ridley property with the distance of the run increasing from 3 ½ to 5 miles. One constant that has remained since the beginning has been the fact that all races start on the fields in front of School House.





The Lower School distance has not changed much over the years. Its students run roughly a 1½ mile race. In order to make the competition more equal in Lower School, the younger students ran under an adapted race in the early 1940s. This made for a very interesting finish. Arthur Hunter won the race five years in a row (1945-1949).

Other milestones of note include 1975 when Ridley's first group of females participated in the race. Also, faculty member Carl Dorland and Headmaster Richard Bradley celebrated their 50th birthdays by successfully completing the run.

The Upper School students still compete for their Houses and the Lower School students for their Tribes. When you think of the Cross Country Run, you automatically think of the Hog's Back, the area that runs between the existing Headmaster's house and the Twelve Mile Creek. It has offered many challenges over the years - slippery mud, tree roots, thistles and poison ivy! Over the past few years, the Hog's Back has not been used due to the risk of injury.

Although not all students enjoy the Cross Country Run, most have to agree that it is a great tradition. Sue Myong '90 offered her take on the Cross Country Run in an article in the *Tiger Tribune* that transcends generations of Ridleians and was no doubt shared all the way back in 1891:

"Each year there is a contingent of "walkers" who swear that they absolutely cannot run. There is a moderate group that makes a compromise; they walk, they run again and walk some more.... Finally, there are die-hard physically fit ones who give it their all and finish quite respectfully.... Ridley's infamous Cross Country Run is a tradition that will probably be continued for many years to come both to the delight and dismay of future Ridleians."

Andrew J. Corolis, Associate Director of Athletics



Dino Faes '81 in the mud at the Hog's Back - from the 1975 ACTA.



Opposite:  
The start of the 2011 Midget Girls Race.





## SNAKE DANCE

The crowd gathers around the fire pit. Wood is stacked over eight feet high and soaked with kerosene, ready to be set ablaze in just a few seconds. Then, cheers as the first chimes of AC/DC's "Hell's Bells" ring out from the speakers. The prefects make their way from the Iggulden Gym, covered in paint and wearing their traditional black capes, carrying the long torches that will soon light the pyre. The crowd begins cheering, "Light the fire!" As the atmosphere starts building up, students from as far as China and as close as across the street come together to cheer in support of their school. To anyone else, it would look like chaos: hundreds of students all painted from head to toe in orange and black surrounding a massive bonfire, but any true Ridleian would beg to differ. This is Snake Dance.

For decades, the Snake Dance has been a major spirit night for Ridleians. Even as far back as the 50s, students from the Upper School have been forming the famed "snake" every year, tying rope to one another to form the human chain and then running around campus, weaving through all of the houses. The event has always been one of the biggest traditions of the college, usually taking place the night before one of the biggest football games of the year. In fact, if you were to let go of the rope and break up the "snake" during its run through campus, it would count as one touchdown in the other team's pocket for the next day's game.

Since then, a lot has changed. From what started as just a wild school pep rally in the backfields, Snake Dance was moved into the Lower School Courtyard during the sixties, where the Glee Club sang, skits were performed, and everyone cheered to support the football team for their coming game. Lower Schoolers watched from their windows and teachers brought their families to attend. The crowd would eventually move on to A Squad (the main football field), where every member of the football team was formally introduced from the Iggulden Gymnasium's balcony. Yet it wasn't long before the snake's origins in the backfields returned, slowly shifting the dance away from the courtyard activities and back toward its rambunctious roots. Seniors would even fill other schools' football jerseys, filling them with food scraps from the dining hall and performing "surgeries" during the dance, oftentimes finding items like rubber chickens to symbolize the team's cowardice on the field. At one point, the Snake Dance actually ran off-campus, even running over cars parked on the side of the road.

Thankfully though, things have changed for the better since then. The wild activities and antics of the past have been replaced with a clean and fun school spirit night. The school still comes together during the basketball or hockey game that precedes the event; bleachers are filled with orange and black and even standing room is at a premium as the cheers for Ridley fill the gym. The "snake" still weaves through all the houses on campus, the fire still rages and soars at an incredible height, and the cheers of "Go Blacks Go!" still come louder than ever. It doesn't matter if you just arrived two weeks ago or if it's your final year, the pure adrenaline and school spirit in the atmosphere take over and soon everyone experiences the great feeling of what it's like to be a true Ridleian.

During the school year, it's always a challenge to find a time when everyone can take a break from their work and activities to come together as a school and feel the rush of orange and black through their veins. For more than half a century, Snake Dance has been a part of our identity at Ridley, something that separates us from everyone else. Maybe that's why Snake Dance has never died down through the years; it represents the very essence of our school's spirit, and, as this year has shown, nothing, not even a day of torrential downpour, can stop that.

**Norman Chung '12, School Prefect**



## THE LOWER SCHOOL TRIBE SYSTEM

Students who attend the Lower School during their years at Ridley all remember one thing: the name of the tribe of which he or she was a member. The tribe system has been an integral part of the Lower School since its inception in 1925 by the Principal, H.G. Williams. Throughout the decades, nothing has had a larger impact on the fabric of the Lower School than Mr. Williams' decision to establish this means of providing internal competition and encouraging participation in all facets of life in the Lower School.

Mr. Williams decided to divide the Lower School into four groups and, as each boy entered the School, he became a member of one of these four groups, evenly divided among all ages in the school. In Mr. Williams' spirit of Canadian nationalism, they were named after four of the Indian tribes that had existed in Ontario during the early years of the settlement of Canada: Algonquins, Hurons, Iroquois and Mohawks.

The idea was to foster the growth of internal competition within the Lower School and students were awarded "tribe points" for games, leadership, academics, intramural sports competitions among the tribes and other diverse activities in which the students were engaged. All the usual sports of soccer, hockey, cricket, baseball, track and field and others provided competition for all students in the Lower School and these events often highlighted the year's tribe competition. At first the events for points were limited, but as the years went on, all areas of student involvement were added to the list. To further develop intra-school competition, the tribes were used to form the focus of the cadet system. Students marched with their tribes and competed with each other to earn tribe points for the best platoon.

The tribe system has been fine-tuned continually as the various activities changed over the many years following its introduction by Mr. Williams. Today, virtually everything that students do, including academic work, effort grades, participation on school teams and in school events, and service to the school community, results in the awarding of points to the students and overall points to the tribes. Bright blue, red, green and yellow tribe t-shirts were introduced in the mid-1980's and are worn proudly at all tribe competitions. At the Lower School Prize Giving in June, individual and tribe awards are presented and the captain of the winning tribe is awarded the E.V. Brown Trophy, established in 1955 by E.V. 'Ted' Brown, Headmaster of the Lower School from 1932 to 1956.

For students involved in a wide variety of school activities, the culmination of the earning of individual tribe points is the winning of the coveted Leslie Ashburner Memorial Award for the 'Chief' Tribesman, donated by his father, faculty member, John C. Ashburner (Mathematics teacher, coach and Housemaster from 1916 to 1955), and John S. Guest, Lower School Headmaster from 1956 to 1976, in memory of Leslie Ashburner '39 who was killed in action in World War II.

Generally, it was difficult for junior students to win the overall Chief Tribesman Award. In 1969, a new prize for the Top Junior Tribesman was named after Mr. E.H.M. Burn. Ed Burn taught in the Lower School from 1951 until 1969 when he and his wife, Connie, were tragically killed in a car accident. For many years he had been in charge of the tribe system and had done much to adapt the system to changes at the Lower School.

We doubt that H.G. Williams knew how important a change he was to make to the fabric of the Lower School when he introduced the tribe system. More than eighty years have passed since its inception and it still today remains an important part of the makeup of the Lower School. It is true to say he "built better than he knew."

I was, by the way, a Mohawk.

Chris Loat '62



Lower School runners in their Tribe colours during Sports Day last June.



## #162 RC(A)CC - An Enduring Tradition

Tradition is that invisible thread that connects the past with the future. We each become a small part of something that is greater than ourselves. We share a sense of common purpose and belonging. Tradition brings together those who may not otherwise interact, yet participate in and strengthen a unique and enduring history. Tradition may incorporate lesser changes to ensure that the greater whole will continue and thrive. We make and share our own individual experiences and memories, connecting the past, through the present, to the future.



There are many enduring traditions at Ridley College. One of the oldest of these, for more than a century, is the Ridley College Cadet Corps 162RC(A)CC. In the early days, the Cadet Corps was a vehicle for military drill as a preparation for service in the armed forces. More recently, the tradition of the Corps has become an integral part of leadership development.

When I first joined Ridley College in 1981, I remember being pleased that there was a Cadet Corps, as I had been very involved with cadets as a teenager in England and had many happy memories. When I took over command of the Cadet Corps from Major Paul Lewis, the main thrust of the cadet programme at that time was preparation for the Annual Inspection. With this in mind and wishing to continue to expand the tradition, it was decided that some changes to the format could involve many more of the students in leadership roles and in running the Corps. This was accomplished by making the Corps one that was student-run with the Cadet staff being observers and available when help was required. The students were invited to apply for rank and were required to write an application listing their qualifications that would make them suitable candidates. The staff and senior officers would then review these applications and start the selection process. As this was now a co-ed Corps, we wanted to have equal representation from both males and females. In order to become a good leader, one must first learn how to be a good follower so we also wanted to provide the possibility for younger students to take on leadership roles. Over the past few years, appointing grade 11 stu-

dents to junior NCM ranks and grade 12 students to senior NCM and Officer ranks accomplished this. The Cadet programme was expanded to include The Duke of Edinburgh programme, as well as the Cadet Star programme. These provided opportunity to develop a vehicle for leadership and collaboration for today's evolving society – always changing in order to stay the same.

The Corps has managed to evolve with the changing times. For example, the tradition of the Regimental Sergeant Major's tunic remains that each RSM wears a tunic that is distinctive from the rest of the Corps. In order to accommodate the broader body frame of today's youth, the actual tunic had to be changed to a larger size!

The Cadets have always been encouraged to "make memories" as part of their experiences in the Corps.

Top: Officers of the 1912 Corps.

Dorothy Burgoyne, The Rev. Donald Hunt, Major Paul Lewis and Headmaster Jeremy Packard trail the Reviewing Party in 1988.

Opposite: Major Tony Sherman and R.S.M. Erik Sherman in 2003.





After their initial "I don't like it" approach to Cadets, many OR's have ended up enjoying being part of the traditions and one needs only to look around the crowd at the annual Inspection to see the numbers who return because of their experience and the memories that they have. It is very pleasing to see this annual resurgence of a splendid tradition and to talk to the OR's and share in the enjoyment of their individual memories.

There have been many occasions in recent years that stand out. The opening of the Second Century Building was scheduled to coincide with the annual Church Parade. At the end of the parade, the Corps was positioned along the side of the road facing the new building. It was an extremely cold and snowy day. The Corps stood at ease in the freezing conditions whilst the group of dignitaries involved in the official opening ceremonies was huddled in the warmth of the foyer and then hurried out to pass on their words of wisdom and then quickly retired to the sanctity of the foyer.



Another occasion that stands out was the year that the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Lincoln Alexander, was our reviewing officer. It had been raining for days and puddles adorned 'A' Squad. The Lieutenant Governor arrived in his Dress Blues of the Canadian Air Force. In view of the weather, we suggested that he not do the normal inspection, which involved passing through the ranks. His response was simple, "If they can do it, so can I". He did, and he was covered in mud up to his knees when he had finished. During the March Past at the end of the inspection, one member of the Lower School 'D' Company found his shoe stuck in the mud; he did not miss a beat but merely

stepped out of the shoe and continued on in socked feet, completing the March Past and standing tall.

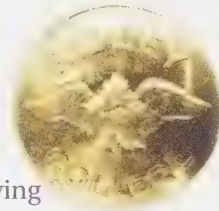
On both of these occasions, the Cadets "stood tall" and represented themselves, the Corps, and Ridley College with total class.

The enduring tradition of the Ridley College Cadet Corps truly does link each Ridleian to the rich past and to the very promising future of Ridley College. Expectation and a sense of belonging ensure its continuance. I share the pride of having been a part of this tradition and the realization that lifelong memories have been made.

**Tony Sherman, Commanding Officer of the 162 RC(A)CC (Retired)**



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## Parade and Inspection Dates for 2012

**Church Parade** - April 29, 2012

**105th Cadet Inspection** - May 5th, 2012

Inspecting Officer: Tim Hogarth

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### 2012 Top Cadets

*Capt. Paul Fillion '86, Charlotte Smith - Battalion Adjutant,*

*Tomas Donatelli-Pitfield - Regimental Sergeant Major,*

*Norman Chung - Second-in-Command, Shannon McNally*

*- Commanding Officer and Headmaster Jonathan Leigh.*

*Missing: Niko Chan - Band Major*

*Jonathan Chisholm - Drum Sergeant Major*





## RIDLEY'S PREFECT SYSTEM

From our School's infancy, the value and necessity for student leadership has been undeniable. Almost as soon as the original crop of 50 boys arrived in September 1889, the first Prefect group was appointed to help bridge the gap between the students and the faculty and Administration. Included in this initial Prefect body was one Norman M. Trenholme – the first Ridleian to arrive at Springbank.

Replicating the convention from the English public school system, Headmaster Miller charged his Prefects with the responsibility of school morale and to impress upon the junior students the expectations and daily demands of the Ridley way of life. To give their authority a little weight, Prefects could assign detentions or physical hours depending on the offence.

Hierarchy and respect within the student body was a way of life. Prefects – including House Prefects who were around as early as the 1930s – were the top of the pile, followed by Sixth-A Formers, Neutrals (or Fifth Formers) down to the New Boys. Fagging or Slobbing was common practice, as New Boys would have to do chores for the Seniors in their House from the earliest days at Ridley until the 1980s. There is certainly no shortage of stories shared at Homecoming Weekends of New Boys warming up toilet seats, folding laundry, carrying books or waiting by a flat door for permission to enter.



The Prefects of 1996, Bryan Rose is second from right.

By the late 1980s, when I arrived at Ridley, the Old Boy System was a fleeting memory and we begged the faculty who were ORs to tell us about those times. Once in a while, Masters Hollinrake '57, Coy '60, Rice '61, and Loat '62 could be cajoled into putting their lesson plans aside for the day while they held court on the way it used to be.

It was in the 1980s when the School's Administration took a serious look at student leadership and the role of Prefects. The demographics of the School were changing and the consensus was that more formalized training was needed to help develop the leadership skills consistent with the social norms of the day.

But as much as things change, they stay the same. The presence of Prefects – School and House – was a function of the daily routine. Going into Chapel, the Great Hall, walking through the halls to class, during House meetings and throughout study, Prefects ran so much of the day-to-day operations of the School.

Prefectship is an emotional and polarizing topic: from those who had the thrill of being named, to those who felt the sting of disappointment from not. I even had a conversation with an individual who shared the story of how he was turned in by a Prefect for smoking and was stripped of his 1st Football Colours. Decades later, the acrimony has not dissipated.

Former Headmaster H. Jeremy Packard once commented that Prefects were commonly viewed “with a mingling of affection, awe and contempt”. Having been a School Prefect, I relied on the example of those who came before me – especially in my own House – those I respected and from whom I emulated my own actions. What I learned was that the connection I had with the guys in my House was paramount and I knew if I had earned their trust and respect, then I had done my job.

Today the Prefects work diligently to carry out the responsibilities with which they are deputized as the institution of Prefectship that has existed since 1889 continues to be part of the foundation of our School. As with most things over a one hundred year period, evolution has occurred – it is nearly unavoidable. What has not changed, however, is the positive impact that occurs when students take ownership of their School while developing life-long relationships.

**Bryan. J. Rose '96, Acting Director of Advancement**



## REMEMBERING PAUL LEWIS - From the Eulogy given by Brian Iggulden

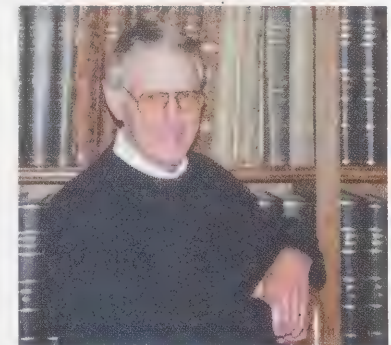
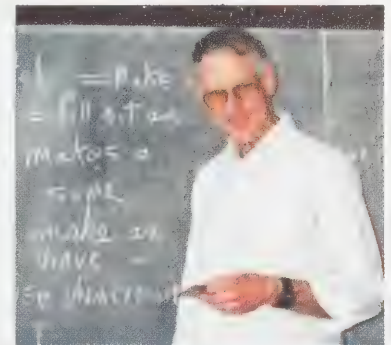
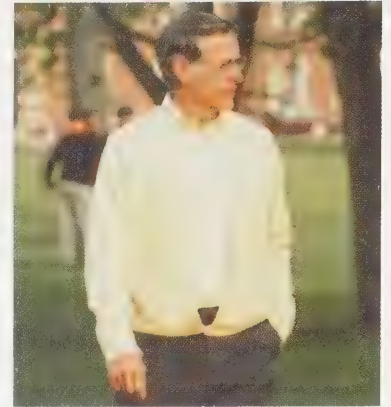
I'd like to begin by saying it is a great honour to speak about a man for whom I had such a great respect and that I am humbled, and not just a little daunted, by the prospect of capturing in a few words the esteem and affection literally hundreds, perhaps thousands, have for Paul. Thank you Janet, Jane and Andrew for this opportunity.

If one tried to define the term "School Master" it would simply be: Paul Lewis. Throughout his forty year career there is hardly a single aspect of the Ridley program Paul did not profoundly affect. He was a superb classroom teacher, fair, fascinating and demanding high standards; he coached whatever was needed and made special contributions to swimming and rowing; he housemastered School House in its final era as a residence; he ran the Matthews Library with diligence, trust and distinction making it a welcoming but serious study environment; he served as the Commanding Officer of the Ridley College Cadet Corps from 1981-1988 continuing the century old tradition of student leadership; he founded the school's Archives and reveled in the exercise of not only preserving our history but also bringing it to life for students and alumni alike with his gleeful enthusiasm for this task; he co-authored the latest History of Ridley College with former Head Richard Bradley and through his characteristic meticulous attention to detail and always fair journalism, he honoured the people and the events he described; he was a subtle and effective fundraiser whose work in support of the Advancement Office assisted us immensely; he was a superior, caring, devoted tutor, especially to international students who struggled with language and the sight of Paul huddled in the Archives with a student, mentoring success they doubted they would ever achieve, remains an enduring and inspiring image.

In everything in which Paul involved himself at Ridley, his focus was always "the students." Often to the chagrin of his colleagues on the Faculty Committee, and no doubt to the delight of the Board Finance Committee, Paul would suggest he would work at Ridley "for free". As son Andrew commented "Dad spent 40 years trying to negotiate a lower salary." One poignant tale reflecting this "Paul trait" occurred when he headed off on a sabbatical to teach in China. Paul proudly reported to Janet after his successful interview that they offered him \$3000 a month but he "negotiated and talked them down to \$2000!"

As a coach he was a great motivator with high standards of sportsmanship. How many of us heard him explain expectations of behaviour with a simple: "it is the right thing to do." His swimmers in particular have been complimentary to Paul through Facebook and emails. Sarah Sheppard '85 who swam for Paul still has one of his bulletin board messages that she has kept and read from time to time over the past 25 years. The message was about setting goals and seeking personal bests while noting the commitment and dedication it would take to achieve those athletic heights and closes with the reminder that, above all, academics come first.

Another example of his sense of sportsmanship and his motto that "it is the right thing to do" involves David Shemilt '83 who is likely the finest swimmer to ever wear the Ridley Speedo. David swam for Canada at the Los Angeles Olympics in 1984 and while at Ridley, was clearly several notches above anyone in the entire province. Paul felt it was unfair competition to swim David against the other independent and provincial high schools so while David trained with the team he never swam in "inter-school" meets. However, to be sure that David's legacy as one of the greatest swimmers in Ridley history was secured he allowed him to compete in "Ridley only" time trials to set pool records that remain on the board to this day. In both cases "it was the right thing to do."



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## WE FINISH WHAT WE START!

American poet, novelist, literary critic and Pulitzer Prize recipient, Robert Penn Warren commented that: "History cannot give us a program for the future, but it can give us a fuller understanding of ourselves, and of our common humanity, so that we can better face the future."

In a North American sense, Ridley is an old institution. Founded only 22 years after Canada's Confederation, our school has deep roots and we can learn from our own storied past. As Mr. Warren offers, this does not simply give us a free pass from experiencing the ebb and flow of society, but helps us understand who we are and can serve to galvanize our resolve during challenging times.

Forty-years young, the Ridley mettle was tested during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Plans for the significant renovations and expansion - including the building of a new dormitory - were already in the works when the Stock Market crashed in October 1929. With the full extent of the worldwide financial crisis still not known, the leadership of the school boldly moved forward as they knew the positive impact it would have on Ridley's future.

Throughout those toughest of years during the Great Depression and with significant hits to the enrollment from 1930 to 1932 (a 108 student decline from opening day 1929 to 1932), the maxim of Ridley's Board and Administration could accurately be summarized as: We Finish What We Start. They did this staring in the face of the sobering reality that the construction of what is now Merritt House was completed, but with no boys to live in it.

The happy ending to this chronicle is that even in the depths of the Depression, Ridley quickly bounced back. In 1933, a surge in enrollment occurred and steadily rose each year throughout the '30s until the outbreak of war in 1939. In his two-part volume "Ridley - The Story of A School", author Kim Beattie suggests that our school defied the economic fear and the realities of those harsh years and that the determination of the leaders of the school was like a blanket of calm and confidence that was felt by faculty, staff, students, parents and the Old Boys.

*A tribute is owing to the good judgment and courage of Principal Griffith and the Governors that they strove to maintain an air of normal Ridleian confidence throughout that worried winter of 1932-1933. They appeared to have sublime faith in Ridley and in Canada. They were cautious but not pessimistic, disclosing none of the qualms which were probably justified. They gave no hint of panic.*

And as they united after the fire at Springbank and with the construction of the Memorial Chapel, the greater Ridley Family mobilized into action. They went to work recruiting to ensure that when the school opened for the Michaelmas Term in 1933 beds would be filled... and it worked! Mr. Beattie suggests that the overwhelming response - and success - of the rallying, especially of the Alumni, "revealed that the character of Ridley as a family-school would go on and on."

As we stand here in 2011, we find ourselves in another one of those ebbs of the tide with an operational deficit of over \$3 million added to the outstanding balance of the Arena/Fieldhouse project of over \$7 million. The financial crisis of 2008-09 hit our school when we were in a tenuous position as the ground was broken on the new facility combined with the considerable decrease in boarding numbers as a result of fewer families being able to afford the cost of tuition during tough times. However, realizing how vital this venture was not just for the current school but for our future as well, the Headmaster and the Board intrepidly pressed on.

After a few lean years where difficult budgetary decisions have had to be made, today, as in 1933, our enrollment results - and specifically boarding numbers - having surged once again. One can-



not help but get the sense of déjà vu as if we have heard this particular narrative... because we have. Still far from being clear of all of the issues that keep Board Chairs, Board Members, Headmasters and Advancement Directors from sleeping at night, there is a renewed sense of quiet confidence that we are on back on the upswing.

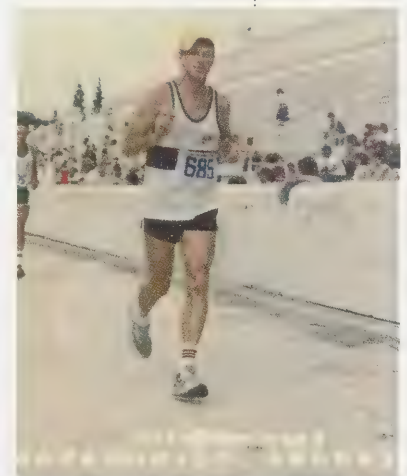
It is our community to which we once again look - in an effort to ensure that the solid footing that has been re-established is reinforced. The impact of thousands of members of the Ridley Family joining our gifts together in support of the common goal cannot be overstated and we need your support now!

The perception that Ridley is flush and that we do not really need the money could not be further from our reality! The strength of who we are and what we stand for comes from the fact that we are a family and we all rally to do our part when the school is in need. Our history has revealed a tradition of this resiliency time and time again. We find ourselves at another crossroads where the generosity of our community will help us pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and move forward with strength and confidence.

**Bryan J. Rose '96, Acting Director of Advancement**

#### *Paul Lewis Continued*

A final story to illustrate Paul's principles centres on his running career. Paul became a dedicated distance runner whose style was a curious mix of powerful leg strides combined with a distinctive arm and head posture that reminds one of a squirrel nibbling nuts on a tree branch. Paul got it into his head to run the marathon in Greece from Marathon to Athens in 1987 roughly celebrating the 1500th anniversary of the defeat of the Persians at the Battle of Marathon. This of course appealed to his sense of adventure and his keen interest in history. He began training for the Toronto marathon in 1985 to be sure he could complete the course. With his first goal and personal best checked off, he trained for two more years until Thanksgiving weekend 1987 when he caught a plane from Toronto to Athens on Thursday night, arrived in Greece, ran the marathon, did some sight-seeing, flew home Monday and reported for class on Tuesday morning – all in a typical Paul Lewis weekend! On principle he would never miss a class!



There was a Ridley occasion a few years ago when I followed Paul to the podium and I remember feeling totally compelled to state: "there goes one of the greatest School Masters in Canada!" I feel exactly the same today as we say goodbye. He was one of the greatest School Masters in Ridley history and it is unlikely we'll see his ilk again. Judging by the hundreds of messages received by the Lewis Family, I know the Ridley Community agrees. As I say this I hear Paul's voice protesting with characteristic humility "keep me out of the limelight."

So to Janet, devoted wife and best friend (herself a renowned Ridley Administrator) to daughter Jane '90 and partner Sam, to son Andrew '92, his wife Virginia and the joys of Paul's life - his grandchildren Owen, Campbell and Cole, we extend heartfelt condolences and give endless thanks that his life touched ours and Ridley College.

**Brian A. Iggulden '67**  
*Former Director of Advancement/Deputy Headmaster*



## FIRST AND SECOND TERM SPORTS RECAP

The fall of 2011 looked much like the fall of 2010 in athletics at Ridley, which meant a full complement of engaged and active students, as well as plenty of victories and hardware. The Tigers equaled their win total from last fall as well as their medal haul winning three CISAA championships (First Girls Basketball, U14 Boys Soccer, U14 Girls Basketball) and two CISAA silver medals (U13 Boys Soccer, Senior Girls Harriers).

The First Girls Basketball team led the way again completing a second consecutive undefeated CISAA season en route to winning the championship. They also won their own A.C. Peters Invitational Tournament for the first time as well as a silver medal at the prestigious St. Catharines Collegiate event. Even with all of this success, the highlight of the season was in mid November when the girls and the school hosted the OFSAA 'A' Championships. The entire school community rallied, as only Ridley can, to produce one of the best provincial championships in recent memory. To cap it off, the girls made it all the way to the final, a Ridley first, and claimed the provincial silver medal. The team rounded out this incredible season with a very successful trip to Germany over Christmas.



Many other notable performances were produced by Upper School teams in the fall including the CISAA silver medal winning Senior Girls cross country team who qualified for and ran well at the provincial championships, and the late season surge of the First Boys Soccer team launching them into the CISAA final four playoffs for the first time in six years.

Not to be outdone, the two Lower School champions also ran undefeated records right through the championships. The U14 Basketball Girls battled to every buzzer winning a number of games by fewer than four points defeating reigning champion The York School in the final. U14 Boys Soccer's only loss in 2010 was in the final and the returning players made sure that would not be the case again defeating Toronto French School 5-2 to run the league table and win the CISAA championship. Also memorable in the Lower School this fall was the CAIS National U13 Tournament organized by Mr. Andrew Corolis and his team that saw 16 schools from across the country descend on Ridley for three intense days of competition in October. The icing on the cake of another first class Ridley event was the play of the Ridley boys who made it all the way to the semi-finals before falling to the eventual champions Upper Canada College.

It is not surprising that our fall success has bred winter magic. 17 of the schools 18 competitive teams qualified for the CISAA post season. The First Boys Basketball team won the first ever CAIS National Basketball Championship in Halifax in November, the First Girls Hockey team won a gold medal at the Mercyhurst College Invitational, and the First Girls Volleyball team won two silver medals at the St. Patrick's (Ottawa) and Eden (Niagara) Tournaments. But the real excitement would come in the last 14 days of term.

The U14 Boys Hockey and Basketball teams would get the Ridley medal haul started with silver finishes in their respective CISAA championships. The Upper School Volleyball teams who both had their best finishes in two decades quickly followed these results. The First Girls earned the CISAA silver and a berth in the OFSAA championships, and the U16 girls, ranked #4 in the CISAA finals, beat the top two seeds en route to the CISAA gold medal. Ten swimmers qualified for the provincial





championships after winning eight CISAA gold, two silver and two bronze at the association championship meet and went on to claim a medal of each colour at OFSAA (Stephanie Lam '12 - gold, Megan Lloyd '13 - bronze and the Senior Girls Medley Relay -silver).



And then the final run of on-campus events began. The First Boys Hockey team hosted the Mid-West Prep Hockey League Championships that saw the boys lose in the quarter-finals but the event saw more than 5000 people watch games at Ridley either in person or on the Internet. The annual Ontario Ergometer Championships followed where some 1500 athletes and fans enjoyed the Fieldhouse venue. The Ridley crews put on another great show to continue to boost our optimism for the upcoming spring race season.

To finish off this miraculous term of sport, the final weekend saw the First Girls Volleyball team in Toronto for the OFSAA 'A' Championship while the school and our Senior

First Girls Basketball

U/13 Soccer

First Girls Volleyball

Ridley Swimmers

Weston Saunders '13 in action at the OFSAA 'A' Boys Championships



Boys played host to the Boys OFSAA 'A' Basketball Championships. In what can only be described as a once-in-a-lifetime event on campus, the Ridley boys put on an amazing show making the final as the #5 seed. The entire Ridley community rallied for all of the playoff games with capacity crowds in the Fieldhouse (some 500+ in attendance) and spirit

from the students that has not been equaled in years. At half time of the Basketball final, the First Volleyball team returned from Toronto to be honoured for winning OFSAA bronze, the school's first provincial volleyball medal since 1991. That sparked a comeback by the basketball Tigers who, down by 14 in the first half, made an incredible run to actually take the lead in the gold medal game. The team would ultimately take the silver medal outscored in overtime. Surpassing all of our expectations, this OFSAA event designed and executed by Mr. David Whitty (who was also decorated with the provincial Leadership In School Sport Award during the championship) was not only a unifying experience for the entire school community, but more than 6000 people were a part of it either watching games on-line or adding to the energy in person. The school has never seen an end to a winter quite like this, and those of us who were a part of the last two weeks will never forget them.

Jay Tredway '96, Athletic Director





This image, from  
Cadet Inspection  
1972 was  
captioned,  
"When Upper  
School is parad-  
ing, Lower School  
boys are showing  
their colours."  
Does anyone  
recognize these  
boys?

Years ending in  
2s and 7s will be  
celebrating their  
reunions this  
year.



## Class Notes

### 1951

*David R. McBride, 100-62 Charles St E,  
Toronto, ON, M4Y 1T1  
dmcbride@grmcbride.ca*

**Harry A. Woggon** lives in North Carolina with his lovely wife. He has three daughters and a son and "a bunch of grandkids". He keeps busy with travel and time spent in the garden. Harry is very active in his community and celebrates Eucharist twice a month in his church where he acts as a priest associate. He is an ordained priest and has practised for 53 years.

### 1953

*J. Douglas Court, 23-88 Lakeport Rd,  
St Catharines, ON, L2N 4P8  
dougc@courtholdings.com*

**Frederick N.C. Jerauld** and his wife, Ellie love their new lives in Surprise, Arizona. They report some adjustments are necessary (like walking the dogs at 5:30 am so their paws are not burnt by the hot pavement!) but they have no regrets about giving up the snow shoveling of Buffalo winters!

### 1954

*C. Paul Montgomery, 65 Hillcrest Ave,  
St Catharines, ON, L2R 4Y4  
pmonty5@cogeco.ca*

**Douglas R. Leggat** was named Burlington's 2011 Philanthropist of the Year.

**Timothy H.E. Reid** stepped down from his elected position on the Alumni Council of the University of Toronto in June of 2011 and was recognized by the university for his nine years of service.

### 1959

*Robert C. Kinnear, 9 Princess of Wales Court,  
Etobicoke, ON, M9B 6H5  
rckinnear@sympatico.ca*

**Keith L. Falkner** rode his motorcycle from Toronto to Vancouver BC and back in June 2006, and from Toronto to St. John's and back in July 2007 and has toured 38 states en route to and from Canadian destinations and as places to visit. In April 2009, he rode from Florida to Ridley and beyond and back.

### 1960

*Douglas R. Tilley, 2195 Oakpoint Rd,  
Oakville, ON, L6M 3N4  
douglas.r.tilley@gmail.com*

**J. Christopher Aylott** has retired from journalism and public information work. Recently married, he serves Seneca College seasonally as manager of its varsity women's fast-pitch softball squad. The team competes in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association.

### 1961

*R. Gordon Chaplin, 170 Water St N, LPH 04,  
Cambridge, ON, N1R 3B6  
gordchaplin@rogers.blackberry.net*

**David A. Dodge** was presented the 2011 Vanier Medal by His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada on January 17, 2012 in Rideau Hall. Dr. Dodge showed great leadership, skill and judgment as governor of the Bank of Canada from 2001 to 2008. He was also the deputy minister of Finance from 1992 to 1997, and he served as deputy minister of



Health from 1998 to 2001. In 2008, David was invested as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

## 1964

Henry M. 'Mac' Borden, 113 Rochester Ave, North York, ON, M4N 1N9  
hmacb@sympatico.ca

**Philip A. Russel** is the President of The Toronto Commandery Hospice, Inc.; Trustee and member of the executive committee of the Governor General's Horse Guards, Chair of the GGHG Cavalry and Historical Society Inc., and Past President of the Rotary Club of Toronto-Leaside.

## 1966

C.M. Victor Harding, 10-70 Shaftesbury Ave, Toronto, ON, M4T 1A3  
vharding@rogers.com

**C. M. Victor Harding** opened his own business brokerage company three years ago called Harding Security Services Inc. This business is designed primarily to help business people buy a new business or sell their own. For the time being it is focused mainly on the security industry (alarms, guards, locks, cameras, etc) in Canada. The plan is to expand and provide brokerage services to US security services as well.

**Gregory F. Henn** participated in the kick-off for York Regional Police's "Cops For Cancer" head-shave event on April 14th. Greg raised just over \$1,900.00, thanks to generous contributions from classmates Doug "Beasley" King and Peter Scandrett. He is now a Retired Civilian of the York Regional Police. On July 15th he worked his last day, exactly 26 years to the day he started!

**Bruce D. Williamson** is a member of the Simcoe Chapter of The Barbershop Harmony Society and has been singing with the Gentlemen of Harmony since 2007. He is also a member of a quartet called HIGH JINX. They performed with The Nylons at a gig on Father's Day in June of this year to a recep-

tive audience. In April, the chorus competed and won the Ontario District Championships held in Collingwood, ON. Karen and Bruce are grandparents to four grandchildren and will be celebrating their 38th anniversary in July.

## 1967 45th Reunion

Brian A. Iggulden, 13-141 Welland Vale Rd, St Catharines, ON, L2S 3S7  
brian\_iggulden@hotmail.com

**Arthur A. Schmon '67** and son, **Richard '96** took part in the 100 KM Ride for the Cure from Vancouver to Seattle. Both completed this arduous challenge, which Art dedicated to the memory of classmate and lifelong friend, **Henry B. Burgoyne '67** and are now training for a similar but longer ride in New York City next year accompanied by his brother, **Robert M. Schmon '70**.

## 1968

Anthony C. Dyson, 2592 Bayview Ave, Toronto, ON, M2L 1B3  
anthony@anthony-dyson.com

**Marshall A. (Sandy) Reid** is retired and he and his wife Brenda divide their time between Shanty Bay on Lake Simcoe and Sea Horse Ranch on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. After hectic business lives, they both agreed that no matter where they live it must be on the water.

## 1972 40th Reunion

Class Agent Needed

**Luke A. Weinstein** graduated (May 2008) with a PhD in Business Administration.

## 1973

Michael S. Hazell, 1604-95 St Clair Ave W, CPI/Hazell & Associates, Toronto, ON, M4V 1N6  
mhazell@hazell.com

**William W. Greenwood** has been living in Medicine Hat, Alberta since 1994. Will and his wife of 20 years Annette have three daughters and own an office furniture

business. If you are passing through town, give them a call.

## 1980

Elizabeth-Ann Lawton, 91 Windermere Cres, Richmond Hill, ON, L4C 6Y8  
jlemlawton@hotmail.com

**John C. Rudd** was promoted to President of Miller Tabak Robert Securities MTR, a 150 person investment firm based in NYC with branches in four different cities, including London, England, specializing in the distribution of and sales, trading and research of high yield debt.

## 1981

F Kelly Neill, Ridley College, PO Box 3013, St Catharines, ON, L2R 7C3  
kelly\_neill@ridleycollege.com

**Brett E. Evans** reports that after many years in the Financial Services - currency risk management and trading - he has moved to the other side of the desk and now is focused on global markets.

**Andrew McPherson** announces the opening of his new recording studio and the rebirth of The Monastereo! His studio offers album production, recording and mixing, remixing, voice over recording, composition, editing and more.

## 1982 35th Reunion

Lyle B. Himebaugh III, 116 Scarlett Oak Drive, Wilton, CT, 6897, USA.  
lhimebaugh@granitegroupadvisors.com

**David V. Toye** has sold the interest in the number of restaurants he owned in the Kitchener/Waterloo area and is dreaming of warmer climates as he has been recruited to run the Margaritaville concepts in Jamaica.

## 1985

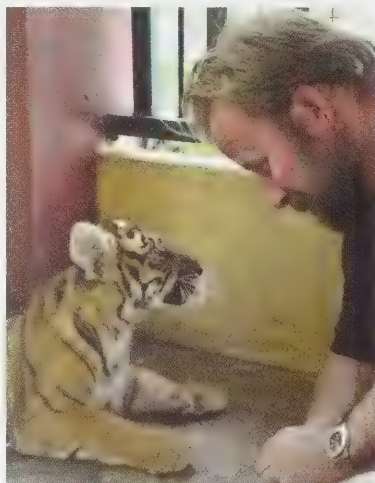
Philip D. Court, 29 MacIntosh Cres, St Catharines, ON, L2N 7M4  
philipcourt@courtholdings.com

**Paul M. Korber** lives in the Hamilton region and works as President



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[www.ridleycollege.snappages.com](http://www.ridleycollege.snappages.com)





Chris Gauntlett '92 went nose to nose with a tiger cub in Thailand.

and Co-founder of Enistic which is a consulting firm for the energy sector specializing in energy analysis ([www.enistic.ca](http://www.enistic.ca)). With one child entering university and another in Grade 11, Paul finds time to coach the AAA Hamilton Rep team after serving as head coach for five years to the hockey team.

## 1987 25th Reunion

*Robin E. Rankin, P.O. Box 683232, Park City, UT, 84068, USA, [robin@smartwired.org](mailto:robin@smartwired.org)*

**Julia L. Gibson** is a project manager for Foreign Affairs and International Trade for the Canadian Government specializing in Nuclear and Radiological Security in Ottawa.

## 1988

*David K. Carter, 10 Banbury Crt, Aurora, ON, L4G 3M9 [dave@mdhconsulting.ca](mailto:dave@mdhconsulting.ca)*

**C. Michael Kray** won the club championship at the St Catharines Golf and Country Club for the fourth consecutive year marking the seventh time Mike has won the title. Of historical note, the first club champion at St. Catharines was H. Williams, legendary Principal of the Lower School, who won in 1899.

Reunions for 2s and 7s  
celebrate September 21 to  
September 23, 2012

## 1989

*Paul J. Allan, 39 Hillcrest Ave, St Catharines, ON, L2R 4Y2 [paul.allan@freedom55financial.com](mailto:paul.allan@freedom55financial.com)*

**Rodney G. Jackson** is a Member of Provincial Parliament for Barrie. Rod is married with two children.

## 1990

*Scott C. Rondeau, 22 Cummings St, Toronto, ON, M4M 1M8 [hellcreek@hotmail.com](mailto:hellcreek@hotmail.com)*

**Grant Aberdeen** has accepted a position as Sales Manager for the Jayman MasterBUILT.

**Mark W. Etzel** owns TJ Welding (2010) Ltd, retailers and wholesalers in quality trailer parts and towing accessories, mainly imported from the U.S. providing service and installations on site.

**Martin R. Goodnough** travels all over North America starting up new Power Generation plants and industrial plants and facilities.

**September J. Kuromi** (née Weir) states that after 15 years in IT in corporate business, she has started her own consulting business called Social Fire ([www.socialfire.ca](http://www.socialfire.ca)) specializing in the areas of corporate social responsibility (CSR), team building and community involvement. She is currently in the process of organizing a Timeraiser to be held in the spring. September has three children – ages 10, 4, and 2 and makes her home in Kamloops, BC with her husband, Mike.

## 1992 20th Reunion

*Graeme R. Scandrett, 50 Copper Beech Drive, Cheshire, CT, 6410, USA, [gscandrett@gmail.com](mailto:gscandrett@gmail.com)*

**Kai R. Fejer** (née Russell) and sister, **Taylor E. Russell '97** launched Tkaro reusable, recyclable and transportable glass bottles in 2010. The 'glass you take with you' was the recipient of the coveted 2010 Reddot Design Award. The firm privately brands Tkaro for Audi as well as for financial services com-

panies, hotels, retailers, golf clubs, spas and educational institutions.

## 1993

*Stephanie L. Perry, 103 Bowmore Rd, Toronto, ON, M4L 3J1 [stephperry103@gmail.com](mailto:stephperry103@gmail.com)*

**Stephanie L. Perry** has joined her father's foodservice equipment distribution company, Permul Ltd., as Director of Business Development. She continues to live in the Beaches area of Toronto with her spouse and 2-year old twins.

## 1994

*Alison A.C. Loat, 12 St Raymond Heights, Toronto, ON, M6G 4C2 [alison.loat@samaracanada.com](mailto:alison.loat@samaracanada.com)*

**Bradley A.C. Baker** was part of a select group that had the honour to ring the opening bell of the NASDAQ Stock Market last March. Brad works for TradeStation Securities based out of Plantation, Florida, and has been with the firm for 10 years.

**Steven L. Laine** is living and working in Dubai. He lives in The Palm and is the Director of Food & Beverage of Al Qasr Hotel & Souk Madinat Jumeirah Resort.

## 1996

*Bryan J. Rose, Ridley College, PO Box 3013, St Catharines, ON, L2R 7C3 [bryan\\_rose@ridleycollege.com](mailto:bryan_rose@ridleycollege.com)*

**Brian R. Stewart** has moved back to the Niagara region where he serves as the regional representative for Taylor Made/Adidas Golf after a very successful stint with the same company in the Mar- itimes.

## 1997 15th Reunion

*Scott A. Snowden, 119 Hamilton St, Toronto, ON, M4M 2C7 [scott@trioro.com](mailto:scott@trioro.com)*

**Jeremy D. Fowler** has started a new business in Muskoka called Bustons - builders and refurbishers of wooden boats. Jeremy and his partner have also founded



Hatchets Outdoor Centre, where they coach rowing.

**Cynthia A. Kumar** received her CA designation January 2012 and is joining PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP in a consulting role in the Finance Effectiveness Group.

**Jane H. Morgan** (née Mitchell) was awarded her Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology, with distinction, on October 22, 2011 at Brock University. She is currently attending Teacher's College at Brock.

## 1998

*Natalie R. Burnard, 7 Louisa Street, St Catharines, ON, L2R 2J5  
natalieburnard@royallepage.ca*

**Natalie R. Burnard** (née Iggulden) continues to enjoy working in the Real Estate business as a partner with her mother, **Rosemary** (former faculty). This past winter, Natalie won two tennis leagues at White Oaks Racquets and Fitness Club, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON.

**A. Jessika Fielder-Johnson** is a Trust Officer at HSBC Private Bank in Bermuda where she and her husband live with their year-old daughter.

## 1999

*Theodore R. Meighen, 380 Macpherson Ave, Toronto, ON, M4V 3E3  
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**Colin V. Morawski** is the Senior Financial Analyst-International content for Netflix in the Greater Los Angeles area. Colin moved to LA after a very successful career as an executive in the TV industry in Australia.

## 2000

*Sara M. Morgan, 77 Ashburnham Road, Toronto, ON, M6H 2K6  
morgan.sara@gmail.com*

**Mialie T. Szymanski** has been busy traveling, studying, and writing. Earning her Master's Degree in Humanities in 2010 from Hollins University, Mialie was recently

promoted to regular columnist for The Weekly Villager newspaper where she has been an on-staff writer and illustrator since graduation. Her first book, a full-color, illustrated children's picture book "Doodle Dog Enjoys the Day" was published in September 2011. For more information, visit her website at: [www.sMialie.com](http://www.sMialie.com).

## 2001

*Rhiannon Davies, 12 Shorthill Place, Fonthill, ON, L0S 1E3  
davis.rhiannon@gmail.com*

**Johanna M. Iggulden** (née DeSantis) is in the second year of the four-year Doctor of Holistic Medicine program in Toronto. This challenging program combines the knowledge of traditional North American medicine with the knowledge of alternate treatments offered by holistic medicine.

**Michael B. Iggulden** is playing professional hockey in the Swedish Elite Division with the Vaxjo Lakers this season.

## 2002 10th Reunion

*Joshua C. Carrier, 6485 Seaforth St., Halifax, NS B3L 1R4 josh.carrier@gmail.com*

**Nicolas von Bredow** recently started HomeLife Power Realty Inc. with branches in Niagara and Waterloo. He practices Residential and Commercial Real Estate and has staff who specialize in the Commercial Investment and Development field.

**Adam A. Durham** recently graduated from the MBA program at the Beedie School of Business, Simon Fraser University.

**Nikki P. Fowler** has started 'Walk Play Love', a pet services business in the Niagara area. Her company offers dog training, dog walking and pet visits. Check out her website at: [www.walkplaylove.com](http://www.walkplaylove.com).

**Daniel J.L. Harriss** completed his Masters of Applied Science in Kinesiology at Brock University in

October 2010. Dan has accepted a position as customer support/associate sales with Smith and Nephew Medical in the orthopedics division stationed in Toronto, Ontario.



## 2005

**Christy Hannah** and sister **Brynn** '11 have hosted a series of local fundraising events as they prepare to spend five weeks abroad volunteering in Costa Rica to aid a unique conservation programme. Visit: <http://5weeks2sisters1mission.tumblr.com>

**James Lincoln** has signed a one-year contract to play pro lacrosse with the Colorado Mammoth of the National Lacrosse League.

## 2007 5th Reunion

**Ryan W.K. Moilliet** is juggling four voice ensembles (one of them is his own business venture). He created a cappella ensemble "Catch Phrase" with three colleagues from the Nathaniel Dett Chorale, where he presently sings and finished up his first professional debut for the season at Koerner Hall. He is also touring in New York with the York University Chamber Choir to Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center.

## 2008

**Chantal C. Primeau** will be graduating from Robert Morris University in Pittsburgh, PA in May with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. Upon graduating, Chantal will be moving to Washington DC where she has ac-

Class agents needed for 2007 and 2008. Please contact [kelly\\_neill@ridleycollege.com](mailto:kelly_neill@ridleycollege.com) if interested.





#### NEW ADDITIONS From top:

Gwendolyn Marnie Clarkson

Jack Nathan Daniel Hambly

Lucy Michelle Wilson

Jackson Spencer Martin with Dad Spencer.

cepted a position with Monumental Sports and Entertainment as an Account Executive, Inside Sales.

## Resident Don

**Travis King** (former Resident Don) represented Canada at the rowing regatta of the Pan American Games held in October, 2011 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

## Weddings

**J. Christopher Aylott '60** to Mary Newel on 2 May 2011 in Hamilton, ON.

**Timothy J. Mankiewicz '94** to Katherine A. Marlin on 13 August 2011 in Whistler, BC.

**Andrew Tymoszewicz '76** to Louise Collict on 16 July 2011 in Shanty Bay, ON.

## Births

**Brian W.E. Amyote** (faculty) a son, James Brandon on 20 September 2011 in Hamilton, ON.

**Liam G. Chandran '01**, a daughter, Elle Marjorie on 20 January 2012 in Toronto, ON.

**Thomas P. Clarkson '99**, a daughter, Gwendolyn Marnie, on 7 December 2011 in Toronto, ON.

**Allison C. Cwierniewski (née Vaughan) '99**, a daughter, Ella Lucille on 30 December 2011 in Grimsby, ON.

**Kambria A. Ernst (née Berkhout) '00**, a son, Elliott Wellesley on 7 October 2011 in Vancouver, BC.

**Jeremy D. Fowler '97**, a daughter, Robin Clark McCarthy on 16 May 2011 in Haliburton, ON.

**Lara E. Hambly (née Housez) '98** a son, Jack Nathan Daniel Hambly, on 13 July 2011 in Dundas, ON.

**Spencer Martin** (faculty) a son, Jackson Spencer on 12 December 2011 in Toronto, ON.

**Katie Marrone** (faculty) a son, Louis on 6 December 2011 in St. Catharines, ON.

**Maris E. Thompson (née Berkhout) '02**, a daughter, Abigail Elizabeth on 28 December 2011 in London, ON.

**Krista L. White (née Jenkins) '98** a daughter, Elena Mary Lynette, on 18 August 2011 in St. Catharines, ON.

**Alexander M. Wilson '00**, a daughter, Lucy Michelle on 19 August 2011 in Ottawa, ON.

## Deaths

**Henry "Hank" Bathurst '45** on 16 October 2011 in Gloucester, England.

**Marcelle M. Cook (nee Donawa) '91** on 25 December 2011 in St. Michael, Barbados.

**Paul C. Coupland '54** on 13 September 2011 in Welland, ON.

**Paul H. Crosby '46** on 26 November 2011 in Toronto, ON.

**Murray A. (Bill) Frost '47** on 23 September 2011 in Vancouver, BC.

**John A. Inch '51** on 24 May 2011 in North Bay, ON.

**Nadine K. Lalani '98** on 11 February 2012 in Niagara Falls, ON.

**Paul E. Lewis** (former faculty) on 30 November 2011 in St. Catharines, ON.

**David A. Marsh '42** on 3 January 2011 in Vancouver, BC.

**Dennis H. Martin '53** on 20 October 2011 in Kingman, Arizona.

**Ian J.W. Matheson '56** on 24 January 2012 in Hamilton, ON.

**J. Keith Mawhinney** (former faculty) on 22 October 2011 in Saint John, NB.



## LAST WORDS

I just plain miss Paul Lewis. I don't know how many times a day I think, "I'll ask Paul" and then realize that I can no longer call upon his vast knowledge of Ridley history.

Paul was the most enthusiastic person I think I have ever met – he could make the most ordinary thing seem amazing. I don't know how many times he excitedly called me down to the Archives to see his latest Ridley treasure. Conversations like, "Anne, I just received a boxing medal from the 1920s, can you come down and take a photo", and I would go down the 50+ stairs thinking "Great, another piece of brass" only to emerge half an hour later, far more knowledgeable about the story behind the piece, the person who won it and radiating the passion for Ridley history with which Paul had infected me.

I had the privilege to work with Paul five years ago on *A History 1907-2007* of the No. 162 Cadet Corps. The 86-page book was a labour of love for Paul, one of many books he had written during my sixteen years at the school. His research and attention to detail was inspiring.

As stated earlier in Brian Iggulden's eulogy to Paul on page 25, he was a man who wore many hats during his career at the school. His commitment to the environment was one that often went unnoticed. He rode his bike everyday; rain, snow it didn't matter to Paul. He seemed so disappointed every December when I retired my own bicycle to the garage for the winter. He took recycling, especially of paper, to a whole new level; he always had a stack of old reports, envelopes or miscellaneous letterhead nearby on which to scribble a note or to photocopy on the blank side. I clearly remember him asking for donations of dryer lint one fall – he had a recipe for making fire starters that he was giving as gifts – I have to say they worked quite well.

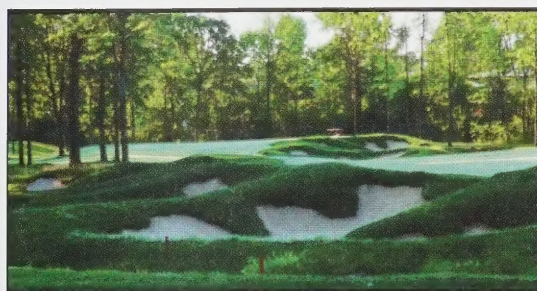
Paul Lewis was one of a kind. This volume of the *Tiger* with its theme of Tradition would have been a lot easier if he had been around – I dedicate this issue to his memory.

Anne Kubu

## SOMETHING I LEARNED FROM PAUL LEWIS

### Why Orange and Black?

The Rev. J.O. Miller, the first Headmaster of Ridley College, chose the school colours based on romantic sentiment. John Miller designed the Ridley crest and chose the colours orange and black because of a gown his future wife had worn at a tennis gala where they first met. The dress worn by then Katharine Alexander of Toronto was orange with black lace netting. A length of the orange ribbon from her gown is preserved in the Ridley Archives.



## 2012 RCA GOLF INVITATIONAL

Monday, June 18th

Thundering Waters Golf Club - Niagara Falls, Ontario

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Wednesday, April 25, 6:30pm, National Club, Toronto  
**Church Parade - Sunday, April 29**

**May 2012**

**105th Cadet Inspection - Saturday, May 5**

**June 2012**

**Lower School Prize Giving - Friday, June 15**

**Upper School Prize Day - Saturday, June 16**

**RCA Golf Invitational - Monday, June 18, Thundering Waters, Niagara Falls**